



NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Department of Homeland Security Investigations - Enforcement and Removal Office announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

The Honorable Warren K. Urbom, United States Senior District Judge in Lincoln, Nebraska, on January 19, 2011, sentenced Salvador Cortez-Maltos, to 13 months imprisonment following his conviction for illegal reentry after deportation. On September 15, 2010, Mr. Cortez-Maltos was found trespassing on railroad property in Cheyenne County, Nebraska. He provided a version of his true name and claimed to be born in Texas. His true identity and alien status were quickly discovered by immigration authorities. Mr. Cortez-Maltos is a Mexican citizen who was previously convicted in Montana on September 5, 1990, for criminal possession of dangerous drugs. Mr. Cortez-Maltos was sentenced to 2 years in prison, which was suspended, and then deported/removed to Mexico. Since the 1990 conviction, Mr. Cortez-Maltos has also been convicted for unlawful reentry following deportation in both Arizona and New Mexico in 1994, 1996, 1997 and 2002. Mr. Cortez-Maltos was indicted by a federal grand jury in October 19, 2010, pled guilty on October 20, 2010, and was sentenced on January 19, 2011.

Name of Defendant: Salvador Cortez-Maltos

AKA:

Age: 56

City of Residence: Mexico

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty: Illegal Reentry after Deportation - 10 years imprisonment; \$250,000 fine; 3 years term of supervised release, and \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Cheyenne County, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Cheyenne County, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: N/A

Others Charged in Same Scheme: None

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: 09/15/2010

Federal Arrest Date: 09/21/2010

Date Complaint Issued: 09/29/2010

Indictment Returned Date: 10/19/2010

Initial Appearance Date: 10/20/2010

Plea or Trial and Date(s): 10/20/2010

Sentencing Date: 01/19/2010

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Cheryl R. Zwart

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Held without bond

In Continuous Custody Since: 09/15/2010

Assigned District Court Judge: Warren K. Urbom

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